Tariff Trade War: Sophistry and Victory and Losses Prospects in the Duel of the Century - Temple of Literature - World Wide Blog - World Wide Reader Network (Computer Version)

April 2, 2025, is destined to be a day worth reading in the modern history of mankind. President Trump called this day the "Liberation Day" of the United States. On the same day, he announced that he would impose 10-50% tariffs on countries around the world on the 9th, including major countries that trade with the United States and uninhabited penguin islands in the South Pacific, but excluding Russia and other countries. The United States imposes a tariff of 34% on China and half of the tax on the other party. Because China's tariff on the United States is 67%, plus 20% imposed for importing drug penalties, etc., a total of 54% tariffs. The most striking thing is that the "plus" tariff proposed by Trump is actually a gradual implementation or close to the "Discounted Reciprocal Tariffs" that are half of the trade between countries and the United States.

Reciprocal Tariffs
China
European Union
Vietnam
Taiwan
Japan
India
South Korea
Thailand
Switzerland
Indonesia
Malaysia
Cambodia
United Kingdom
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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Reciprocal Tariffs

Country	Tariffs Charged to the U.S.A. Including Currency Manipulation and Trade Barriers	U.S.A. Discounted Reciprocal Tariffs
China	67%	34%
European Union	39%	20%
Vietnam	90%	46%
Taiwan	64%	32%
Japan	46%	24%
India	52%	26%
South Korea	50%	25%
Thailand	72%	36%
Switzerland	61%	31%
Indonesia	64%	32%
Malaysia	47%	24%
Cambodia	97%	49%
United Kingdom	10%	10%
South Africa	60%	30%
Brazil	10%	10%
Bangladesh	74%	37%
Singapore	10%	10%
Israel	33%	17%
Philippines	34%	17%
Chile	10%	10%
Australia	10%	10%
Pakistan	58%	29%
Turkey	10%	10%
Sri Lanka	88%	44%
Colombia	10%	10%

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Oil prices are down, interest rates are down (the slow moving Fed should cut rates!), food prices are down, there is NO INFLATION, and the long time abused USA is bringing in Billions of Dollars a week from the abusing countries on Tariffs that are already in place. This is despite the fact that the biggest abuser of them all, China, whose markets are crashing, just raised its Tariffs by 34%, on top of its long term ridiculously high Tariffs (Plus!), not acknowledging my warning for abusing countries not to retaliate. They've made enough, for decades, taking advantage of the Good OL' USA! Our past "leaders" are to blame for allowing this, and so much else, to happen to our Country. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

The global frying pan, a trade "secret" that countless Americans did not know was suddenly revealed, which surprised many people. It turns out that many countries, including China and the allies of the United States, have been unilaterally imposing high tariffs on the United States. This unequal unilateral trade practice has lasted for decades. China earns far more money from the U.S. trade surplus than other countries, and the annual direct surplus can reach 300 billion US dollars, becoming the main source of the U.S. trade deficit.

There are many people who say that the trade surplus obtained from the U.S. trade for China, sophistry or "hold unfairness", but their narrative style never mentions China's unequal tariffs on the United States, which limits the import of American products; just like yelling at Americans to suppress TikTok, but China has long banned Google and YouTube , Facebook... Wait. No wonder so many allies are "angrious", and so many are echoed by the blue and golden American public opinion and the socialist camp of the chaebols and the big pot rice and "waving the flag". Liberation Day finally showed us the true face of the world.

There are so many interests that the United States has been taken advantage of or eaten by other countries, and has been tolerated for a long time and has not taken any effective blocking measures. As a result, it has resulted in a series of bad consequences such as industrial outflow and the hollowing of the internal real economy. Of course, there are also many white-eyed wolves or parasites who are good at sophistry. Unbelievably, the more countries make money, the more energetic they are against the United States, and the more they are talking about not eating for nothing. Because the economy of socialist countries is completely manipulated, they are afraid of free market competition, and most of the profits they get are eaten by the powerful class. Trump believes that the money they earn is used to develop armaments and others to deal with the United States; of course, the trade surplus is also the guarantee for the survival, stability and suppression of the absolute and totalitarian system. For the debt of up to 37 trillion US dollars, the United States has no way out. Therefore, Trump's counterattack is really reasonable. Almost all allies and trading partners of the United States should be well aware of it. Although they are reluctant to talk, they are still honest in their actions, although there are still many people who misjudge or argue.

Trump's first term of trade war with China began in 2018. Because of the pandemic and regime change, the trade war did not achieve the expected

effect, but the public opinion discussion of the tariff trade war has been deeply rooted in people's hearts and cannot be avoided. The Biden administration has continued its painless tariff policy, and also strengthened new restrictions on technology, investment and other measures on China. However, the Chinese government has found a way to "wash the origin" to avoid U.S. tariffs. Southeast Asia, Central and American states, and even the Penguin Island mentioned above have become places where it is possible to evade tariffs. It is Trump's imposition of tariffs on countries around the world, which is undoubtedly to plug all possible loopholes.

In the past few days, the reaction of various media to the tariff trade war has been overwhelming, but it is far more emotional than rational analysis, especially the simplified Chinese media. It seems that Trump is uneducated, crazy, paranoid, emotional, grass-up... There are all kinds of scolding. I accidentally saw a video of Trump in 1988. That was 37 years ago, young Trump had already noticed the harm of unequal tariffs to the United States. He mentioned Japan and Kuwait's exports to the United States, as well as their tariff restrictions on American products. After his election, China's inequality and trade manipulation system became his common criticism. In order to wait for this Liberation Day, Trump has been planning for decades.

Trump is not the only one who reveals the truth. Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi severely criticized China's high unequal tariffs on American goods in the 1990s. She said, "In terms of tariffs, it is worth noting that the average most favored-nation (MFN) tariff of the United States on Chinese imports is only 2%, while China's average most-favored-nation tariff on American goods is as high as 35%." The congresswoman asked in her speech, "Is this called recitity?" She also said that the U.S.-China trade relationship is a "work killer". She said, "In terms of work, this is the biggest and cruelest scam. Not only can we not enter their market, their tariffs are extremely high, and our

exports are clearly turned away, but China has obtained at least 10 million jobs from U.S.-China trade. As early as Obama's reign in 2015, the American think tank has put forward a blueprint for strategic transformation.

The funny thing is that some politicians now jump out and oppose the tariff reform. After the outbreak of the first Sino-US trade war, I have also written many articles about the trade war and its consequences, which are attached to the back of the article for reference. In fact, many Americans have long understood or supported Trump's "mess". To solve the long-term trade deficit and huge debt problems and prevent greater disasters in the future, the United States must undergo the test of economic adjustment or turbulence. Unfortunately, the plague released by the Communist Party of China successfully blocked or delayed the results of Trump's first trade war. So, can Beijing withstand this round of tariff strikes?

Beijing launched countermeasures on April 4: 34% tariffs on the United States. Trump immediately stated that Beijing should cancel the counter-control before the 9th, otherwise add 50% to reach 104% of the total tariff, and refuse any communication, which is undoubtedly a signal of trade decoupling between the two countries. In order to retaliate against Trump's tariff policy, mainland China imposed a 50% tariff on all products imported from the United States on the 9th, counting the previous 34%, a total of 84%. By April 7, more than 70 countries have come into contact with the United States and are willing to solve the issue of reciprocal tariffs through negotiations or even zero tariffs on the United States, including the European Union and Canada, which have appropriate counter-control, reflecting that most countries know their losses or are unwilling to offend the United States and have the mentality of fighting to the end.

Contrary to Beijing's arrogant desire at the first time, no country is really

willing to escalate and confront the United States. The neighboring country, Canada and Mexico, has a free trade agreement at the bottom, the European Union has been succompating to negotiations, and even its old friend Russia, which has no upper cap, has sneered. Beijing has become a country that resists U.S. tariffs and continues to escalate, without substantial bargaining chips. Not only that, the United States also asked the countries that entered the negotiations to jointly raise tariffs on China. Trump's action plan achieved the predetermined strategic goals in just a few days.

Isolating Beijing is not the end of Trump's negative victory in tariff trade. As expected, the U.S. stock market and the global stock market ushered in a big stock disaster. Beijing's counterattack attitude towards 104% total tariffs and the response of the global economy have just begun. The whole world is watching this economic war that affects the fate of mankind. Who wins and who loses is the focus of many media debates. On April 9, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time, the actual tariff of nearly 125% of the United States against China (104% plus cumulative tariffs) officially took effect. Trump suddenly announced during the day on Wednesday (9th) that the recipror-tual tariffs imposed on many countries on the same day would be suspended for 90 days, and only 10% of the basic tariff would be implemented immediately globally, except for China. The U.S. stock market immediately rebounded in response to Trump's decision. On the 10th, the White House revised the tariff on China to 145%.

When it comes to the war of the century, there must be winners and losers. From the perspective of victory or defeat, there can be short-term and long-term considerations. Here we only analyze the impact of the recent 3-5 years, and look at the outcome of the tariff trade war and possible dramatic changes from the perspective of the Communist Party of China, China, the United States and the world. In addition, there are different interpretations of victory and defeat in the eyes of different

people. In Chinese culture, there is also the AQ victory method, and in the preaching of the Communist Party of China, there is also the Weiguang Zheng chicken blood slogan of "from victory to eternal greater victory". The discussion in this article focuses on objective facts and the fundamental well-being of the people. It will not analyze this matter from the perspective of position and immediate personal interests, but from the perspective of history and reality, it will explore the long-term significance of the tariff trade war and the opportunities for possible political and military conflicts for netizens to discuss and refer to.

The victory of the Communist Party of China

Beijing's "well-known economist" said that the Communist Party of China will win: "China will first launch a counterattack in order to take the lead in forming an anti-American alliance in trade. If the United States is not decent, it will kick the United States out of global trade and let it play by itself... The counterattack will indeed affect trade with the United States, but the initiator is the Trump administration of the United States. The good news is that it is the best time for China to adopt vertical and vertical techniques. China cannot face the United States alone, and the United States is not only against China. At this time, the countries targeted by the United States must unite. If they do not jointly put pressure on each other, they may be defeated by the United States..."

"The Ministry of Commerce of China issued a statement on Tuesday (8th), condemning the threat of the United States to raise taxes as "the essence of blackmail", and China will never accept it. The statement said that if the United States is resist to act alone, China will "accompany to the end", and reiterated that "there is no winner in the trade war, and pressure and threats are not the right way to deal with China". At the same time, the Global Times published an editorial entitled "Tariff blackmail can't bluff China", criticizing the United States for politically blackmail under the guise of "equal trade" and destroying international

rules and global supply chains. The editorial said: "China will not be intimidated. Countermeasures are a difficult but correct decision." The party media "People's Daily" published a "bell" commentary article on the same day, severely criticizing the United States for "abusing tariff means" and "enging in power politics", emphasizing that China "never causes trouble, but is not afraid of trouble", and pointing out that China has the ability and confidence to cope with any external shocks.

Global Network said that "the United States is launching an economic nuclear war." The United States' huge and disproportionate tariffs are equivalent to launching an economic nuclear war against the world, which is destroying people's confidence in the United States as a trading partner, a place of business and investment capital market. The United States is entering the "economic nuclear winter", which has become the focus or headline of the mainland media. In short, the United States will enter the Great Depression or economic collapse, and so on. This is also the logical rule of the Communist Party of China that "you beat your wife, and I will beat my wife to death immediately". I still won.

There are at least three bases and versions of victory. The above is only the victory of the Communist Party of China, but not necessarily China, let alone the suffering people. In addition to the Communist Party of China's long-promotion victory, the political forces in the United States will also smear the tariff trade war because of partisan competition, saying that China won and Xi Jinping won. Of course, Trump lost, and these parties won.

The biggest victory, of course, is the victory of the Communist Party of China. Face has always been the top priority of a dictatorial country, and I will no longer painse to describe it. Under the ban on the Internet, it is difficult for the mainland to see the truth of the tariff trade war. I hope my article can spread to the iron curtain and make more people wake up.

As long as you are not blind or deaf, you have already seen the Chinese

people lose. Some of them will vigorously scold the United States and Trump: It's all because of your tariffs, causing the economic collapse, the decline of foreign trade in the real estate market, and almost no way out... But more and more people will awaken: this white-eyed wolf or parasite cycle system will only enrich the powerful class in the United States and China, and let the autocratic dictatorship succeed. Internally, a huge amount of money is used to maintain stability, and there is no fair medical care, education, food safety, etc. Since joining the WTO in 2001, where has the large amount of foreign exchange earned by the people gone? Africa or Xiong'an? Therefore, many understanding people on the mainland support Trump openly and secretly. Did Xi Jinping really win?

The victory of the United States

As a country with 5% of the world's population, the United States accounts for one-third of the world's market size, which is about twice that of China. Therefore, countries around the world will take the U.S. market, a science and technology power, as the first choice; the European Union, China and India cannot replace the position of the United States. The value of U.S. exports to China is only about one-fifth of Beijing's exports to the United States. In other words, even if the scale of U.S. exports to China disappears, the impact on the U.S. economy is quite limited; while China's trade surplus with the United States is Beijing's largest source of foreign exchange, which determines the material foundation of the country.

The actual living standards of the American people may decline due to economic fluctuations, temporary shortages of some imported goods and the manipulation of information. However, with the free flow of information, more and more reasonable Americans will have no way out for the debt of up to 37 trillion US dollars. Even at the cost of the Great Recession, supporting Trump's counterattack should be an inevitable trend. Regardless of the regime change or other factors, maintaining

normal tariffs and equal trade has been the consensus of Americans in the coming decades, and no one can change or reverse this trend.

Some internationally renowned enterprises have begun to return to the United States. They have set up factories in the United States, and the amount of tax payments is also accumulating. The final victory of the United States should not be an unexpected event.

The victory of the world

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established in 1995, and the wave of globalization swept every corner of the world. With the accession of some countries (especially under authoritarian dictatorship and undemocratic systems), the rules of the WTO have been completely ignored and destroyed, and the agreement to accession has been refused to be implemented for decades. Most of these countries do not have modern civilization concepts such as equality, contract and win-win, and only use the means of scoundrels to deal with international trade relations. Trump's "plus" tariff, that is, the implementation or closeness of "reciprocal tariffs" with other countries, should have been resolved decades ago. It's just now that we start processing, which is the last window opportunity.

Countries around the world have been completely destroyed by the rules of the WTO for a long time. Unfortunately, no one can take the lead in changing this situation. Therefore, trade organizations to replace the WTO have been established on all continents or regions, such as TPP and later CPTPP. Many similar examples can be cited. These organizations pursue fair trade and mutual benefit. Everyone's common goal is to try their best to prevent some countries that break the rules from joining. However, as the world's number one power and largest market, the United States is an indispensable trading partner for any country. Any organization without U.S. certification is equivalent to no credibility. This is the reality of the world at present.

After the excessive production capacity of the mainland is blocked by the United States, it is bound to find alternative markets in developed countries. The United States set an example, and other countries will take similar measures to prevent cheap marketing and maintain the fairness and durability of international trade.

In order to calm down the internal rebound and nationalism, although the vast majority of countries will argue a few words, they want to buy a good boy or ask for a little chip with the United States, so they will not be enemies with the United States or the US dollar. Vietnam is a good example. It actually signed a contract with the United States to impose high tariffs on the north.

Seeing Trump lifting the table, everyone may be secretly happy behind his back!

The final victory

Maintaining the principle of fairness in world trade is the foundation of the founding of the United States and one of the signs of the progress of human civilization. Lifting the table or revolutionary smashing has been fragmented and completely destroyed the WTO, which completely undermines international rules, is the inevitable choice of history. The emergence of a large number of new international trade organizations, etc., reflects the world's disgust or anger at the unrulyness of certain countries. Therefore, Trump's global tariff increase will not only not isolate itself, but will also promote the birth of a new international trade system and continue to prosper civilized countries.

Asimoglu, the winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2024, and three others put forward the important concepts to explain the prosperity and poverty of the country. According to their research, "The reason why the gap between rich and poor countries around the world is behind the difference between political and economic systems. They divide the state

system into "inclusive system" and "pre-taking system". The inclusive political and economic system is the key to achieving long-term economic growth, and today's China is "in the grab-type system" As a typical case of "down-growth", this political and economic system cannot bring long-term sustainable economic growth. As early as 2014, Asimoglu directly predicted the inevitable recession of China's economy.

There is only one criterion for the final victory of the tariff trade war, that is, the complete disintegration and abandonment of WTO unequal trade relations. Some people in the mainland say that whoever can stick to the end will be the winner of the tariff trade war. This winner will definitely not be a large number of "leeks" or "human mines" in China. Regardless of human history and modern Chinese history, unequal trade cannot be maintained for a long time. What can you do if they don't buy your goods? In the Sino-British War of 1840, commodity-exporting countries were backed by foreign guns and cannons, opening up markets in various places, but ultimately failed to maintain them. Therefore, Hu Jianpan called on the Communist Party of China to expand nuclear weapons and prepare to cope with the situation that the goods could not be sold. Does he also want to drive the Liaoning to the coast of the United States and threaten Trump to reduce taxes?

The Communist Party of China shouted that "the sky can't collapse" on the People's Day. It seems that it has become confident that it is not afraid of the complete decoupling of U.S.-China trade. The Communist Party of China will still use the logic of "you beat your wife, I will beat my wife to death immediately" to desperately squeeze and force the domestic people. In addition, it conspires to attack Taiwan to solve the face dilemma caused by the tariff trade war. However, in the first one or two months of Liberation Day, the U.S. Secretary of Defense has visited Asia in advance, and the U.S. military's combat readiness has been realized. The next political and military confrontation may be more complicated or magical than I expected in 2018. Let's wait and see how

the Liaoning will demonstrate off the coast of the United States, or threaten the Taiwan Strait, and ask the Republic of China government to work together to push up tariffs and defeat Trump.

Sino-US economic and trade decoupling, military confrontation and conflict will become options (9-20-2018)

Trade war triggers panic domino collapse effect (9-8-2018)

The Sino-US trade war has broken the glass heart of the powerful countries (4-20-2018)

Mainland fryer! Will the Sino-US trade dispute trigger a military war? (April 3, 2018)

(April 5, 2025) The Chinese government's position on opposing the indiscriminate tariffs imposed by the United States

Recently, the United States has used various pretexts to announce the indiscriminate tariffs on all trading partners, including China, which seriously infringes on the legitimate rights and interests of all countries, seriously violates the rules of the World Trade Organization, seriously damages the rules-based multilateral trade system, and seriously impacts the stability of the global economic order. The Chinese government strongly condemns this and resolutely counters Right.

The relevant practices of the United States violate the basic economic laws and market principles, ignore the balance of interests reached in multilateral trade negotiations, ignore the fact that the United States has made a lot of profits from international trade for a long time, and use tariffs as a weapon to exert extreme pressure and seek personal gain. This is a typical act of unilateralism, protectionism and economic bullying. The United States is engaged in a zero-sum game under the

banner of the so-called pursuit of "reciprocity" and "fairness". In essence, it pursues "America's priority" and "America's special". It subverts the existing international economic and trade order by tariff means, takes the interests of the United States to prevail over the public interests of the international community, and sacrifices the legitimate interests of all countries around the world to serve the hegemonic interests of the United States. However, it was generally opposed by the international community.

China is a civilized ancient country and a country of etiquette. The Chinese people advocate treating people sincerely and based on trust. We don't cause trouble, and we are not afraid of trouble. Pressure and threats are not the right way to deal with China. China has and will continue to take resolute measures to safeguard its own sovereign security and development interests. The essence of Sino-US economic and trade relations should be mutual benefit and win-win. The United States should conform to the common expectations of the two countries and the people of the world, start from safeguarding the fundamental interests of the two countries, stop using tariffs as a weapon to suppress China's economy and trade, and stop harming the legitimate right to development of the Chinese people.

As the world's second largest economy and commodity consumption market, no matter how the international situation changes, China's door to opening up to the outside world will only open wider and wider. We will continue to promote high-level opening up to the outside world, steadily expand institutional opening-up such as rules, regulations, management and standards, implement high-level trade and investment liberalization and facilitation policies, create a first-class business environment with market-oriented rule of law and internationalization, share development opportunities with the world, and achieve mutual benefit and win-win results.

Economic globalization is a must for the development of human society. The rule-based multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization as the core makes important contributions to promoting global trade development, economic growth and sustainable development. Open cooperation is a historical trend, and the world will never and should never return to a state of mutual closure and separation. Mutual benefit and win-win is the direction of people's hearts, and economic bullying that takes advantage of neighbors will eventually devour itself. It is the common responsibility of the international community to promote economic globalization in a more open, inclusive, inclusive and balanced direction.

Development is the universal right of countries around the world, not the patent of a few countries. International affairs should be discussed and handled by everyone, and the future and fate of the world should be controlled by all countries. There is no winner in the trade war and the tariff war, and there is no way out of protectionism. All countries should adhere to the principle of mutual consultation, joint construction and sharing, adhere to true multilateralism, jointly oppose all forms of unilateralism and protectionism, and safeguard the international system with the United Nations as the core and the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization as the core. I believe that the vast majority of countries in the world that believe in fairness and justice will choose to stand on the right side of history and make choices that meet their own interests. The world should be fair, not domineering!